

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Community Improvement Corporation of Jackson County 408 Redondo Drive Jackson, Ohio 45640-2047

Attention: Mr. Harold A. Howe, President

Re: Meridian Automotive Systems, Inc., Site Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio Follow-up to Section 104(e) Information Request sent on March 15, 2010

Dear Mr. Howe:

On March 15, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an information request to Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) to the attention of Mr. Harold Howe, President, pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e). The information request was served on CIC on March 17, 2010. This information request required CIC to provide certain documents and information within 30 (thirty) days of its receipt of this letter.

Although the deadline for your response has passed, EPA has not received any response to the information request. EPA therefore requests that you comply <u>immediately</u> with that information request. You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, in the manner described by 40 CFR § 2.203 (b). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and only by means of the procedures, provided in 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to CIC.

Continued failure to comply with EPA's information request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may subject CIC to an enforcement action seeking to compel compliance and collect penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of noncompliance pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of

CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(5) at 40 C.F.R. § 19.4. EPA has the authority to use the information requested herein in an administrative, civil, or criminal action.

Please contact Eileen Furey of the Office of Regional Counsel at (312) 886-7950 if you have any legal questions regarding this matter. All other questions should be directed to Sally Jansen, Enforcement Specialist, Emergency Enforcement Services Section, at (312) 353-9046.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Messenger, Chief
Emergency Enforcement Services Section